

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

Any *qualified taxpayer* of eligible property with a project included in a duly approved Brownfield Plan.

QUALIFIED TAXPAYER-The qualified taxpayer must own or lease eligible property. The qualified taxpayer must also certify that Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has not sued or issued a unilateral order to the taxpayer to compel response activity to the property or demanded reimbursement from the taxpayer.

ELIGIBLE PROPERTY-In a Non-Core Community, eligible property is commercial, industrial or residential property, identified in a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority's plan that is contaminated.

In a *Core Community*, eligible property is commercial, industrial or residential property, identified in a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Plan, that is contaminated, blighted or functionally obsolete.

PRE-APPROVAL LETTER-A pre-approval letter must be issued after 12/31/99 and before 1/1/08. If the cost of a project is \$10 million or less, a taxpayer must obtain a pre-approval letter from the Chairperson of the Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA). The total credits for all projects approved under this section may not exceed \$30 million in one calendar year. A taxpayer may also apply to the chairperson of MEGA if the cost of the project is greater than \$10 million, but the taxpayer chooses to seek approval of credits totaling \$1 million or less.

If the cost of the project is greater than \$10 million and the taxpayer is seeking a credit greater than \$1 million, the taxpayer must apply to Michigan Economic Growth Authority (MEGA) Board of Directors for pre-approval. MEGA has the ability to award up to 15 credits per calendar year. Of the 15 credits, up to 3 can be credits over \$10 million and no more than \$30 million. Preference is given to Core Communities, although MEGA does have the ability to award 3 of the credits to Non-Core Communities.

ELIGIBLE INVESTMENT-Eligible investment includes the following: demolition, construction or improvement of a building (i.e. restoration, alteration, renovation), addition of machinery, equipment or fixtures to the property and site improvements.